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Claim 40(Amended). In a dispenser for feeding perforated towels from a continuous roll of towels, said dispenser including a dispenser body for containing said continuous roll and a nozzle attached to said dispenser body for dispensing an end portion of said continuous roll, said nozzle including a base having a centralized opening, the improvement comprising: an exit funnel having an inlet end and an outlet, wherein said inlet end is attached to said base in a fixed position such that a passageway from said central opening to said outlet is provided for an end of said continuous roll and wherein said outlet has a first longitudinal axis and said centralized opening has a second axis, and wherein said first axis and said second axis intersect to form an acute angle.

Claim 43 (Amended). The dispenser of Claim [42] 40, wherein said acute angle is about 30 degrees.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed August 20, 2002 has been carefully considered. After such consideration, independent Claim 40 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent Claim 43 to more particularly define the Applicant's present invention over the cited references. As such, Claims 40, 41 and 43 remain in the case with none of the claims being allowed.

The Examiner has rejected the Claims under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Eberle as including an angle one of 30 degrees. Independent Claim 40 has been amended to more clearly claim the relationship of the fixed nozzle of the present invention and to distinguish it from the swivel, off-set nozzle of Eberle.

A copy of product sheet by the Applicant also illustrating the features shown in the Specification is included for the Examiner's convenience. As will be appreciated, Applicant's claimed invention is able to accomplish many of the same functions of swivel, off-set nozzles,

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such as taught by Eberle, but without any extra moving parts. This arrangement, as claimed, permits low maintenance and years of trouble free service.

Claims 41 and 43 contain the allowable subject matter of independent Claim 40, as amended, respectively, and are, therefore, also allowable.

The Applicant submits that by this amendment he has placed the case in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

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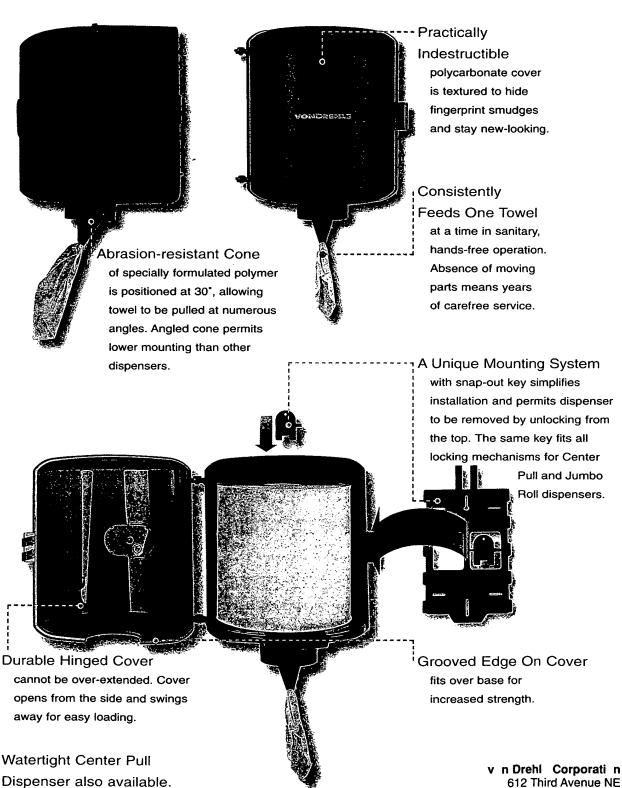
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